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SUBJECT: TDY ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS IN APRIL

- 1. SUMMARY: HEAVY EMBASSY WORKLOAD APRIL 11-19 REQUIRES ASSIGNMENT ON TDY BASIS OF EXTRA C AND R OFFICER. ANALYSIS OF OTHER FUNCTIONS INDICATES EMBASSY CAN PROBABLY COVER OTHER REQUIREMENTS WITHOUT TDY HELP THOUGH CLARIFICATION IS REQUESTED ON CERTAIN POINTS IN RESPECT TO SECRETARY DENT'S PARTY AND CODEL IPU. END SUMMARY.
- 2. EMBASSY WILL BE CONFRONTED WITH CONCENTRATION OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITS AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS IN PERIOD APRIL 1-29 INCLUDING US-ROMANIAN JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION (SECRETARY DENT PARTY) APRIL 11-15, CODEL IPU APRIL 14-20 AND ECE CONFERENCE APRIL 19-29. PRESS AND CULTURE SECTION WILL BE SIMULTANEOUSLY OCCUPIED WITH PROGRESS AND ENVIRONMENT EXHIBIT OPENING APRIL 17 AND AMON CARTER WESTERN AIR EXHIBIT WHICH SWITCHES FROM IASI TO TIMISOARA APRIL 19. OTHER FUNCTIONS INCLUDING SUPPORT OF LINCOLN LECTURER BICKEL IN MID TO LATE APRIL, SEVERAL MINOR VISITS AND NORMAL COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES WILL ADD TO BURDENS ON STAFF IN THIS PERIOD. EMBASSY STAFF WILL ACCORDINGLY BE WORKING ON NUMBER DIFFERENT PROJECTS SIMULTANEOUSLY REDUCING DRASTICALLY NUMBER OF PEOPLE AVAILABLE FOR OTHER DUTIES.
- 3. EMBASSY IS MAKING APPROPRIATE DISPOSITIONS TO HANDLE CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS INCREASED ACTIVITY INCLUDING MAINTENANCE OF CONTROL

ROOMS IN HOTEL FOR BOTH DENT DELEGATION AND FOR CODEL IPU
AND TO AVOID ASKING FOR EXTRA TDY HELP TO EXTENT POSSIBLE
WE HAVE POSTPONED LEAVES AND OFFICIAL TRAVEL (EXCEPT FOR
GILBERT --SEE BUCHAREST 1044--AND ECON OFFICER GRUNER WHOSE
PERMANENT DEPARTURE CAN NO LONGER BE DELAYED BEYOND APRIL 13 DESPITE
LACK OF REPLACEMENT. WE ALSO HAVE SEVERAL WIVES WITH SECRETARIAL
SKILLS ON STANDBY. UNLESS ANSWERS TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS
THAT WILL REQUIRE MODIFICATION OF PLANS, ONLY TDY ASSISTANCE NOW REQUESTED IS FOR ADDITIONAL C AND R OFFICER FROM
APRIL 10 TO 19 AND POSSIBLY UNTIL END OF ECE MEETINGS ISE
DEPARTMENT BELIEVES ECE DEL WILL GENERATE LARGE AMOUNT
OF TRAFFIC. OUR ONE C AND R OFFICER CANNOT HANDLE
ADDITIONAL WORK LOAD UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES AS WE FORESEE
THEM.

- 4. COMMUNICATIONS: TCU WILL BE OPEN FROM 0600 TO 2100 THROUGHOUT DENT AND IPU VISITS. PRESENT PERSONNEL CAN HANDLE THIS LOAD ASSUMING THAT 24-HOUR SERVICE NOT REQUIRED. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER ABOVE TCU HOURS SATISFACTORY.
- 5. CONTROL ROOMS: AS REQUESTED, WE WILL MAINTAIN 24-HOUR CONTROL ROOM IN HOTEL FOR DENT GROUP APRIL 11-15 WITH MARINE COVERAGE FOR CLASSIFIED MATERIAL THROUGHOUT THAT PERIOD. NO TDY MARINES REQUIRED. STATE 050600 REQUESTED FULL-TIME EMBASSY COVERAGE (CLARIFIED BY ADVANCE MAN TO MEAN EMBOFF) WHICH WE WILL PROVIDE IF NECESSARY. HOWEVER, WE PROPOSE INSTEAD STATIONING EMBOFF IN HOTEL UNTIL 2400 APRIL 11, 0700 TO 2300 APRIL 12 AND LIMITED COVERAGE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ASSUMING THAT ALL OR MOST OF DELEGATION LEAVES ON OUT-OF-TOWN TRIP. EMBOFFS COULD BE AT CONTROL ROOM BEFORE DELEGATION DEPARTURE ON SATURDAY MORNING AND ON SUNDAY EVENING WHEN DELEGATIONRETURNS AS WELL AS ON MORNING OF MONDAY. PLEASE ADVISE IF EMBOFF COVERAGE ESSENTIAL AFTER 2300 ON WORKDAYS AND DURING SATURDAY-SUNDAY PERIOD OR WHETHER NIGHT-DUTY MARINE IS SUFFICIENT. IF OFFICER IS REQUIRED, WE WILL PROVIDE ONE BUT LIMITED PERSONNEL AVAILABLE FOR THIS DUTY REQUIRES CAREFUL ADVANCE PLANNING.
- 6. CONTROL ROOM FOR DENT PARTY WILL BE SHIFTED TO IPU CONFIDENTIAL.

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AREA DURING FEW HOURS BETWEEN DENT DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL MAIN IPU GROUP MONDAY AFTERNOON APRIL 15. IPU ADVANCE PARTY'S NEEDS WILL BE COVERED AS REQUIRED SUNDAY EVENING AND MONDAY MORNING WITHOUT A FORMAL IPU CONTROL ROOM. FOR IPU CONTROL ROOM, WE PROPOSE NO MARINES, ONE EMBOFF AND ONE BILINGUAL FSL WORKING FROM 0700 TO 2300 HOURS THROUGH DURATION OF IPU VISIT. MESSENGER VEHICLE FROM EMBASSY WILL BE ATTACHED TO CONTROL ROOM FOR BOTH DELEGATIONS.

ADVISE IF THIS IS SATISFACTORY. ALSO ASSUME THAT 24-HOUR TCU SERVICE NOT NEEDED.

7. SECRETARIES: DENT GROUP APPEARS SELF-SUFFICIENT. WE NOTE PRESENCE OF TWO SECRETARIES WITH IPU DEL BUT IT APPEARS THEY WILL DEPART WITH MAIN GROUP ON APRIL 18 AND NOT RPT NOT REMAIN WITH CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI. WILL EMBASSY SECRETARY THEREFORE BE REQUIRED APRIL 18-20 TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN DERWINSKI'S GROUP? THIS QUESTION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES IN SECRETARIAL AREA AFTER APRIL 18 CAUSED BY NEED TO PROVIDE STENOTYPIST TO ECE DEL AND PLANNED DEPARTURE OF TWO OTHER PERSONS WITH SECRETARIAL SKILLS WHO WILL HAVE BEEN DELAYED ALREADY. BARNES

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